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In Defense
Of Pockets
For Women

Why Those Silly Little Pockets in Women's Clothes, of Which Men Make Fun, Are an Indication of Deep Meaning.

ALL women's clothes today have pockets.

Women put their hands in them.

And men are inclined to make fun of the whole proceeding.

But that is a selfish, stupid spirit.

Particularly stupid. Men's fellow men. Just because a woman doesn't know how to use her pockets yet, is no sign that she isn't going to do it.

We will grant in the first place that the pockets were put in by designing clothing makers for ornament only.

But when men did, they took a dangerous step.

The introduction of pockets into women's clothing is the cause of all of the unrest among women today.

Because they are all working to find something to put in them.

That is as good a reason as any for the movement, and can be logically proven.

In the beginning, and even now, if things were run rightly women didn't need pockets. They needed purses.

But their arms and a cradle or two. Purses evolved from the necessity of man having to find some place to put his hunting implements. They are primarily his, and a badge of his manhood.

When the first man was his first garment, in the sunny days when there was no winter, he did so because he wanted a pocket, not because he was modest.

He was a traveler. He went far afield. The woman stayed in one place. He needed a pocket in his business, and it was the first outward sign of his civilization.

His key-chain, his open sesame.

But like many things he did not realize. He gradually forgot.

True, for years he denied a woman a pocket, but as time wore on, and he busied himself with his own work, he forgot that the magic pocket might be appropriated by some one else. And when one has a pocket, of course, the first thing that goes into it, is something valuable. Unto the time that man had his own pockets, he was really the ruler. He held the cash largely because the woman did not have a place to keep it.

First he let her have stockings. And the woman immediately used them just as he had his first garment. Not so much as a garment as a pocket.

For years she persisted in this. Man did not know it.

He was too busy trying in his zeal to take her away from her. He fatuously loved woman. So he invented all things to make her ease and incidentally fill his pocket. He has at last fixed it so that she doesn't have anything to do but wear clothes and eat.

As it is it would not have been long before she found out about the pocket game herself. But man was so awfully leached by this time that he couldn't wait for that. He turned tailor, and in the foolishness of his soul actually presented her with pockets.

And now he is wondering why on earth she does stay at home and enjoy all of the things he has collected for her, not to mention several years of idleness in which to do it.

He doesn't seem to get it through his head that the cause of the whole woman-movement is pockets.

He laughs at the foolish little things. And at women's attempts to put their hands in them and swag.

Poor beast!

If he only believed in signs the way he was wont.

He would know that staggering with one's hands in one's pockets is followed by the most magnificent of all things, a pocket empty and that it will be scarce five minutes before they are filled!

And that in twenty years from now, unless women are forbidden by law to have pockets, they will have just as much money as men, and more than enough to have mothers' pensions and free maternity hospitals, and heavily endowed Y. W. C. A.'s, and all sorts of institutions which now merely creep along, in a positively vulgar state of affluence!

Don't laugh at pockets in women's clothing, gentlemen.

They are no laughing matter!

THE CONDUCTOR.

RECIPES

Aspic Jelly.
1 quart boiling water.
1 teaspoonful beef extract.
1/2 medium onion.
1 bay leaf.
1 clove garlic.
3 pieces lemon peel.
1 teaspoonful vinegar.
5 dozen cloves.
Salt to taste.
Put all but the vinegar together to boil for ten minutes; add vinegar; strain through cloth until clear; pour over heaping tablespoonful of gelatin that has been dissolved in cold water; strain again, and put directly on ice over night. Boil well one can of tomatoes, strain, and use as quart of boiling water in recipe; pour into circular mold. To serve, fill center with mayonnaise and garnish with endive.

Pepper Vinegar.
8 pounds of red peppers cut in small pieces.
1 dozen black peppers.
2 teaspoonfuls sugar.
1 quart best vinegar.
Soak the vinegar, in which the sugar has been dissolved; pour over the peppers; put in a jar and steep two weeks.

Veal Cutlets With Peas.
When buying veal cutlets always have it cut thin. Cut into six or eight pieces. Dust with salt and pepper, then with flour; dip in egg; one egg beaten with one teaspoon milk; then in bread crumbs. Fry in deep hot fat and drain on tissue toweling or brown paper. Serve with peas.

Vegetable Colorings Like Our Grandmothers
Used May Solve the Dye Shortage Problem

The Mountain People of the South Still Make Use of Herbs and Bark for Various Pretty, Soft Dyes That Are More Attractive Than the Coal Tar Product.

WHO said the dye situation was serious? Whatever plant may be made by the housewives who have been used to buying package dyes, the woman of the South-eastern mountains feel that they have no cause to worry. The same natural colors they have always extracted from roots and bark remain in plenty.

For those to whom these color plants are not accessible are a varied selection of dyes purely chemical. There is a certain romance about old-fashioned methods of dyeing, and there is no form of handicraft more suited to summer camps and homes than that of the dyer. All that one needs is a set of enameled ware kettles of varying sizes, some smooth sticks to lift the stuff about in the dye, a pair of rubber gloves, a line, and a fire. With an oil stove or a small laundry stove the work may be done as our grandmothers did it, out of doors. It is not messy work when properly managed, but if it

Seen In The
Shops

QUACKY DOODLES and Danny Daddies are the latest addition to the roster of toys for little children. Indeed, so fascinating are the broad smiles of Quacky and Danny that older children may find them quite as cheerful companions as were the Billikins of yore. Quacky is a beaming lady duck, and Danny a benevolent standard. They come in various sizes, from 50 cents up to \$1.

White fox stoles, which most women agree are "so becoming," are featured at \$10 in one of the F street shops. They are not the coarse-haired, kinky variety, but soft and fluffy.

Half socks all fitted with ribbons to be tied on small shoes are 50 cents a pair. They are of silk, woven in various pretty designs, and the ribbons are run through a wide heading at the top.

A gorgeous vestee of green and white stripes in a silk and cotton mixture is 50 cents. It may be matched with a brilliant green crepe de chine tie at the same price.

Fiber silk hose for men, in any color His Highness may desire, are 25 cents a pair.

White saten petticoats generously besprinkled with bunches of flowers in many colors are pretty designs, offering at a G street department store.

For \$1.98 at the same store are dainty miniskirt and longcloth petticoats lavishly trimmed with lace and ribbon.

The colonial styles in low shoes have replaced the "crimp pumps" featured earlier in the season. They do not look like pumps, but, however, and the woman wearing a number six had better invest in a shoe with a short vamp. A pair of the colonials in champagne, white or gray is priced at \$1.50 at one shop. A pump on regulation lines, with heading and a tiny sparkling buckle, is \$2. Still another, with leather of exquisite quality, is \$3. This is absolutely plain, save for a single band of heading at the side.

(Telephone Main 6209 for information regarding the names of the establishments in which the articles mentioned above may be purchased. Inquiries concerning news of the shops should be addressed to The Shopper, this office.)

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SOME RECIPES FOR HOME
MADE DYES

YELLOW—Two quarts of peach leaves and a lump of alum, boiled for one hour.

BROWN—Boil white walnut bark until it is well steeped, strain and put in the material to be dyed. Let it boil until the desired shade is reached.

PURPLE—Use maple bark and coppers. Boil the bark until thick, add a pinch of coppers.

GREEN—Boil black oak bark for half an hour. Take out the bark and add some alum and plenty of water. Put in the material and boil for half an hour. Wring and dip in blue dye.

BLUE—Boil indigo or larkspur.

SOLFERINO—Boil poke root.

can be done out of doors, or in a shed or on a porch, one has the sun and air to help.

Home Dyed Fabrics.

Home-dyed fabrics are better than any others for summer use, both because they wear better and because the colors are softer, deeper and more natural. A web of cotton cloth costing a few cents a yard may be turned into cushions, rugs and tablecloths of charming colors. A very fair imitation of a Navajo rug can be produced by dyeing and weaving cotton wicking. Striped or woven rugs may be made of cotton cloth torn into strips, and such rugs are washable and light, and wear indefinitely. The cloth can be combined in patchwork, applique, or simply by making cushions of different colors on the two sides.

It is best to begin with dye-stuffs prepared for use by the chemist. What are called "natural dyes," such as coppers for orange-yellow, indigo for blue, catechu for browns of yellow and red East Indian shades. Catechu is the extract of certain East Indian tree barks, and comes in a dry paste. A two-ounce piece, sew it in a small cheese-cloth bag, soak it in a quart of cold water in an enameled ware kettle. In the morning add four gallons of boiling water and a quart of an ounce of copper sulphate. When the mixture is dissolved, put in the stuff to be dyed and let it come to a boil in the two sides.

One of the prettiest "Hedge-row dyes" obtained from peach leaves, which give a permanent straw-colored yellow. Soak two quarts of peach leaves in warm water with a lump of alum, boil all together with the material for about an hour—not too long or it may turn brownish. Peach leaves when green give a delicate Japanese gold-green.

Iron buff is obtained by dissolving half a pound of copperas in an enameled ware kettle containing two gallons of warm water. In another enameled ware kettle dissolve a pound of soap powder in the same amount of water. Dip the stuff into

the enameled ware kettle. Take the kettle from the fire and let the stuff lie in it over night, then take them out and let them dry in the open air. Dissolve in two gallons of warm water a piece of bi-chromate of potash the size of a hazel nut, and dip the stuff into it, take it out and let it dry.

Treasures From Nature.

This is the kind of process involved in most home dye work. To do the work as our grandmothers did it is a little more complex, but on the other hand it is more fun. There is the feeling of getting treasures direct from the storehouses of nature. One may not be able to dye exactly to a shade to match anything, but the colors which result will go to the top.

The parliamentary law section, Mrs. C. E. Town, leader, met this morning at the home of Mrs. Clift R. Richards, at Irving and Chevy Chase, Md. The hostesses were Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens and Mrs. Richard C. Richards. The topics for discussion were "The Overthrow of Canonism in the House," by Mrs. Raymond B. Morgan, and "Reconciliation," by Mrs. Maud R. Campbell.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett is to be one of the speakers at the conference of the Department of Education on May 29, one of the events of the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She is to talk on "Outdoor Education for Girls." Others on the program are Thomas Mott Osborne, William Wirt, Mrs. Lucinda Prince, Miss Susan Powell, Mrs. Josephine Corlies Preston, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, and Marcus Marks.

Cushing Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans was hostess at a reception on Saturday evening to Mrs. Rose Rutledge, division president of the District Auxiliary, and Mrs. Mamie Palmer Dorsey, national junior vice president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Jennie Thompson, department president of the W. R. C., headed the receiving line. Other Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. Lucinda Prince, Mrs. Susan Powell, Mrs. Lena Elliott, Mrs. Catherine Grossman, Mrs. Jennie Cusick, Mrs. Doris Hendrix, Mrs. Alice Cooley, Mrs. Amelia Palling, Mrs. Nellie Baxter, Mrs. Nellie Nichols, Mrs. Mary Van Ness, Mrs. Virginia Fawcett, and Miss Mervin Buckles. Presentations were made by Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, past national senior vice president, W. R. C.

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Various Harmless Chemicals, Such as Alum and Coppers and Copper Sulphate, Are Also an Aid to the Woman Who Wishes to Try Old Fashioned Methods of Home Dyeing.

coppers, drain, then dip into the soap-powder, and repeat this three times; dry, rinse, and dry again. This iron buff is one of the oldest forms of the buff, after being dyed in this way, the stuff is dipped in a solution of tea leaves, the tannic acid in the leaves will turn the gray and the gray and buff make a charming combination.

Some Recipes.

Some of the dyes used by the mountain people of the South are as artistic as those of the Orient. Here are some recipes that can be tried by anybody within reach of woods.

Green: Peel the bark of black oak. Boil the bark as much as half an hour. Take the bark out of the kettle, and put in some alum; have plenty of water. Put in the yarn and boil it awhile—maybe half an hour. Wring it out and dip it in blue dye.

Brown: Take white walnut and boil until it is a good strong ooze, then take the bark out. Put in the yarn and boil it till it is as dark as you want.

Purple: Use maple bark and coppers; boil your bark until it is a pretty good ooze, and put in just a work grain of coppers, then put in your wool.

Yellow: Get brown sedge and boil it with a little alum and "it makes the prettiest yellow that ever was." (This is the literal rule of a mountain woman.)

These people use larkspur and indigo for blue, yellow daisies or "black-eyed Susans," burdock, common nettle root, or onion skins for yellow; the hairy tribes use purple and poke root for solferino. Black alder makes an indelible orange. If of light color, combine with blue, will, of course, give a green of some shade or other. The secret lies in taking time enough to do the work well, having things clean, and rinsing and drying thoroughly.

The following council officers of the Friendship Clubs, Y. W. C. A., have been elected for next year: President, Miss Elsie Jarvis, Eastern High School; vice president, Miss Mildred Sult, McKinley Manual Training School; secretary of high school students' committee, Miss Dorothy Leper, Western High School. The offices of secretary and treasurer are yet to be filled by girls from Business and Central high schools.

The various high schools have elected the following officers for their friendship clubs: Western—President, Miss Ruth Kinney, vice president, Miss Helen Woolfolk; secretary, Miss Ruth McCormick; treasurer, Miss Florence Derrick; representative, Miss Dorothy Leper; Mrs. Helen Hughes, Eastern—President, Miss Mary Schofield; representative, Miss Elsie Jarvis; leaders, Miss Martha Birnie and Miss Norris; Central—Temporary president, Miss Ethel Johnson; leader, Miss Gladys Wheeler; Business—Temporary president, Miss Freda Bachman; leader, Miss Gladys Wheeler, McKinley Manual Training School—President, Miss Helen Hubbard; representative, Miss Mildred Sult; leader, Miss Margaret Lerner.

The Sunshine and Community Society celebrated its twentieth anniversary at a luncheon at Congress Hall on May 8. Three hundred guests were present. Mrs. L. L. Morrell was toastmistress. Those responding to toasts were Mrs. Ellis Logan, Mrs. Court Wood, Mrs. Emma Shetter, Mrs. Charles Keyser, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, Mrs. Henry Mann, Mrs. George Smallwood, Mrs. Howard Hodgkins, Mrs. Charles Grinnell, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Mrs. Richard Gash, Mrs. Anthony Cannetti, Miss Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. George Barker, Mrs. A. W. Morris, Mrs. Anson Tracy, Mrs. J. Elson Briggs, Mrs. Frances Barker, Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Mrs. E. Henry, Mrs. R. Vandenberg, Mrs. Percy Daniel, Mrs. Bernard Lane, Mrs. Alice Holmes, Mrs. T. Walter Fowler, and Mrs. Bob Roy McKahan.

The Junior League is planning a social outing for May 20 and an excursion to Colonial Beach for June 18. The latter is to be for the benefit of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society.

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Psychical Secretions
Have No Part in Life
Miracle of Digestion

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG.

WHENEVER you take a bite to eat, the juices of the stomach begin to be formed. As long as this structure is sound and in good health, so long as the vital organs in it, the stomach will ooze forth its gastric juices.

Under usual circumstances, the sight of food, the smell of cooking, the sound of meat sizzling will inaugurate a flow of pepsin and hydrochloric-muriatic acid into the looped bag called the stomach.

Superficial observers and snap-shot physiologists are wont to call these "a physical secretion," but it needs no philosophers to recognize that the particles of material in the vapors which reach the nose, the electronic corpuscles which stir the watery eyes, or the air waves, which beat upon your ear drum, stir the corresponding sensation.

These, in turn, send their messages via the nerves to the switchboard—the brain—which flashes them through other nerve cords to the muscles and secreting tissues of the stomach.

Instantaneously the digestive juices begin to flow, ready to attack the meat and sweets as they invade the alimentary vestibule.

Three Degrees of Digestion.

Let this one type of initiation be what it may, there are also several others. For instance, deaf, dumb, blind and almost senseless idiot will still digest his rations because the stomach can be stirred to action by the intimate contact of the food itself, as well as by the peculiarity native to much nutriment, namely, enzymes and chemicals present in these foods which urge the formation of stomach juices.

Although bread and egg albumen have fewer of these qualities than meats, meat juices, cereals and fruits—for they can be artificially inserted into a dog's stomach and not be digested—they do, nevertheless, stir the appetite to an extent and finally become valuable tissue builders.